

COUNTRY East Germany
TOPIC Jueterbog Altes Lager Airfield

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1. The following aircraft and air activities were observed at Jueterbog Altes Lager airfield between 13 and 24 October 1952:

13 October. In the morning, three jet bombers practiced flying. Each plane made two flights each lasting 40 minutes. The aircraft were being refueled after the two flights. The crews of the three IL-28s consisted of officers, whose highest rank was a captain and whose lowest rank was a sub-lieutenant. Source observed these officers for a longer period and determined that they always flew the same planes. the officers did not wear insignia on their flying suits. In the afternoon, 10 IL-28s pointing to the west were parked along the railroad line. An additional 12 twin-jet aircraft were parked in front of the hangars in the northern section of the field. Among the 22 twin-jet planes were two UIL-28s which had no auxiliary fuel tanks, while the remaining 20 planes were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. Eight additional IL-28 and UIL-28 planes without auxiliary fuel tanks were parked between the hangars located in north-south direction and the woods to the east. Three ground attack planes were observed in front of the repair hangar. Cold-riveting was being done on the motor cowling of one of these planes Subsequently, the rivet seam was painted.

17 October. In the morning, there was air activity by eight jet bombers The take-offs and landings were made individually. After the take-off, the planes assembled in formation and practiced formation flying. Between 4 and 5:45 p.m., three jet bombers practiced firing at an air sleeve which was being towed by a ground attack plane. Short bursts of fire were heard. The IL-28 planes were not fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

20 October. A total of 53 ground attack planes landed between 12:20 and 2 p.m. The aircraft approached in five squadrons of nine planes each and one formation of eight planes. The planes were parked on the sodded landing field away from the runway. The billeting equipment and baggage of this unit arrived on trucks. Some of the trucks which passed through the entrance gate were loaded with bomb crates and bombs. Some of the bombs were stored in the small woods east of the middle hangar of the group of hangars located in a north-south direction and the other portion of the bombs were stored in the ammunition bunker. Each truck was loaded with about 30 boxes.

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21 October. In the morning, an IL-28 plane [] and an UIL-28 plane [] took off from the field. Both planes landed after about 10 minutes because of rain. Three ground attack planes with the numbers 21, 36, and 51 took off about noon and remained aloft for about 35 minutes. The aircraft flew in flight wedge formation at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters. The planes individually peeled off to the left and dived at the center of the field at an angle of about 35 degrees. They pulled out of dive at an altitude of 80 meters and zoomed again. These attacks were repeated several times.

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22 October. Two jet engines were running on the engine test stand for about 15 minutes. An IL-28 plane [] and an UIL-28 [] were observed near the test stand. Repair work was being done on seven ground attack planes parked in front of the repair hangar. Some planes were being newly painted. The ground attack planes which had arrived at the field on 20 October were being towed to their dispersal area in front of the north-south hangars. There, the planes were parked both in front of and in the northern and southern hangars. Additional planes were parked in the center of the field between the small woods and the railroad line. The planes were still parked there on the following days.

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24 October. After noon, an UIL-28 plane [] and an IL-28 plane [] and without auxiliary fuel tanks practiced flying for about 40 minutes. Some other jet bombers [] were also participating in air activity. While the personnel of one of the planes, an UIL-28 [] was being exchanged, source observed that the crew consisted only of three men. In the course of the day, two IL-28s [] took off. Source observed that the engines were being started by means of a starter carriage and that the planes taxied under their own power to the take-off point. 1

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2. On 13 October, source observed how three jet bombers [] were being refueled. When air activity was stopped, a tank truck without a trailer drove up to each plane. The hose of the tank truck was put into the aperture on the upper side of the fuselage, about 30 cm aft of the cabin. Three men of the tank truck crew were engaged in the work. One man stood on the fuselage and put the hose into the aperture, the second man stood on the tank truck controlling a measuring instrument, while the third man stood in front of the plane. It took about 40 minutes from the moment the fuel truck drew up on front of the plane until it moved off away after refueling.

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3. Usually, the crew of the jet bombers consisted of four men. It was occasionally observed that a fifth man occupied the second seat in the tail gunner's station. Occasionally, only three men flew in the jet bombers.²

4. Small rubber cubes, about 4 x 4 x 4 cm, were observed at the wing tips of two planes []. The cubes which were fitted on both sides of the hole for the fixing screw of the auxiliary fuel tank, obviously were to serve as shock absorbers.³

5. The personnel of the ground attack unit were quartered in the billets northwest of the former air force ordnance depot.

6. Tank trucks [] refueled the five jet bombers with [] which were parked in front of the medium hangar of the group of hangars located in north-south direction. These tank trucks were parked in the garage behind the southernmost hangar. Tank truck [] also belonged to the unit of jet bombers [].

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1. [] Comment. On 20 October 1952, the ground attack regiment from Reinsdorf returned to Jueterbog Altes Lager. The number of IL-10s which reportedly landed at the field agrees with the assumed strength of the ground attack regiment. The bomber regiment is still equipped with 8 IL-28s, the air reconnaissance regiment with about 22 twin engine jet bombers including some UIL-28s. The dispersal areas of the bomber and air reconnaissance regiments were previously mentioned. [] The aircraft of the ground attack regiment are parked in front of the hangars on both sides of the dispersal area of the bomber regiment.

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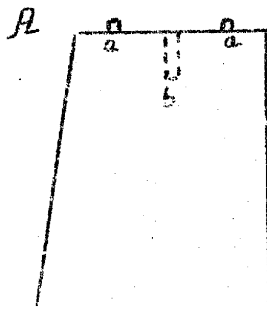
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2. [] Comment. The second tail gunner was probably being trained.
3. [] Comment. For sketch of rubber cubes, see Annex.

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Small Rubber Cubes Fitted at Wingtips of IL-28 Aircraft
at Jueterbog Altes Lager Airfield

Top View



Side View



Legend:

- a Rubber cubes
- b Hole for fixing screw of auxiliary fuel tank

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